

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, December 5th, 2023**

At 8:30 am Chairman Robert Flath called the meeting to order and opened by reciting the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners: Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Lee Miller, and Bruce Klein were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; James Shockman, States Attorney; Wayne Giles and Mark Sornen Dust Pods, Tim Tanger, Barnes County Formen; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle, attending virtually was Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the November 21st, 2023, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve commissioner minutes with a spelling correction, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, had special guests Wayne Giles and Mark Sornen from Dust Pods present how the polymers work and the special they have going on until January. Secondly, Darrick informed the board that the Road Department is still in the market for finding a semi.

KJL, Bryan Tykwinski, updated the board on the progress of the Grand Rapids and Adrian bridge replacements. Designs are moving along well; permits are taking a little bit to get up and going. The rehab project South of Adrian, KLJ hasn't gotten the most reasonable bids and is thinking to see if the NDDOT would help fund as a replacement project instead, KLJ has not heard back yet. The Jud pavement design is moving along but isn't quite the results they were hoping. Brian gave a reminder that the Flex Funding is due by the end of the year, December 31st. The equipment purchasing will not qualify for the funding but the labor and contract pricing can be submitted

Edgeley Superintendent, Tyler Hanson, presented to the board the new Edgeley Career and Tech Academy. Currently, the construction funding for the Academy will be coming from a 2.3-million-dollar grant, local assessment Edgeley, SRCTC, and seeking any donations. At this time the Academy is looking to see if the county has any levy specific for economic development to help fund the project, the board is unable to contribute to the Academy at this time as the budget has been set for the year 2024.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented to the board a 9-1-1 update that there will be a Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 7th. At this meeting, they will be discussing the SORN update. Then on December 11th Kimberly will be attending the North Dakota 911 Associations meeting and North Dakota State Radio County meeting, at those meetings discussions will be the NDACo 911 fee collections and SORN Update.

Break 9:42AM-10:57AM

Chairman Flath received a resignation letter from States Attorney, James Shockman, effective January 1st, 2024. James informed the board that the county is limited in options. To be the state attorney, you'd have to be a qualified elector in the county. At this time James is unaware of any attorneys within the county. Dickey County, Kim Radermacher, and Ransom County, Fallon Kelly were both willing to step in as interim States Attorney. Another option is there is a recruitment program through the state. Comm Weigel made a motion to accept the States Attorney, James Shockman, resignation; seconded by comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to request assistance from our neighboring county, Fallon Kelly, to fill in as interim States Attorney; seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath presented an update on the open Veteran Service Officer. Currently, Chairman Flath has requested some proposals from neighboring counties, chairman has received two of the three counties' proposals. Those two counties are offering two days a month to be in-house. Veterans Service Officer has been tabled.

The commission received two beer and liquor license applications. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve Dakota Summers and Horseshoe Saloon beer and liquor licenses with Sunday sales, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

NDPERS Public Safety Retirement increased from 16.45% to 18.04% in January. At this time the county is unsure who will pay the 1.59% difference. There are currently three employees eligible for the NDPER Public Safety Retirement. Chairman Flath tabled the topic.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, presented the current election precincts with recommendations they stay as is. Comm Weigel made a motion to keep precincts as they are, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Jan then brought up the topic of if we'd like to continue to be a vote-by-mail county. Comm Miller made a motion to continue to be a vote by mail county, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Jan suggested that we continue to have two polling locations, one in LaMoure and one in Edgeley.

Future Commission meeting dates are set as: January 4th, January 16th, February 6th, February 20th, March 5th, March 19th.

The City of LaMoure is switching garbage to another provider out of Jamestown. New garbage will start on January 1st.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to pay the bills presented, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	544.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	56.55
BEAR CREEK GRAVEL LLC	6,220.50
CHS LAMOURE FERTILIZER	30.61
CITY OF KULM	79.74
CITY OF LAMOURE	188.50
CNA SURETY	50.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DALLMANN SERVICES	6,652.14
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	848.54
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	5,600.90
GOOD OIL COMPANY	44,973.12
GWORKS	5,830.00
HAMPLE EXCAVATION SERVICE	75.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,238.41
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	2,012.17
IAAO	480.00
ICON ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, LLC	4,053.50
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	6,061.16
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	5,808.11
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	40.00
KARTES/THOMAS	1,127.70
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	1,274.93
L & S WORREL TRUCKING, INC.	5,362.50
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	36.74
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	9.98
LAMOURE HARDWARE	469.70
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,232.27
LEAF	120.40
MERTZ LUMBER & SUPPLY	23.96
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	15.00
ND SECRETARY OF STATE	36.00

NDSU DEPT 3110	628.85
NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	475.00
PEPSI-COLA	304.08
PIEHL/TORIE	124.45
QUILL CORPORATION	202.51
RACINE/JULIANNE	801.70
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	5,649.86
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	253.60
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	901.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	4,482.72
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	1,320.00
VARI SALES CORPORATION	171.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	82.50

Chairman Flath adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor